

stead laws, or of other valid claims within the Walapai Indian Reservation in Mohave and Coconino Counties, Arizona, and to permit lieu selections within the boundaries of the said reservation by those surrendering their rights so that the lands retained for Indian purposes may be consolidated and held in a solid area so far as may be possible: *Provided*, That the title or claim of any person or company who refuses to reconvey to the Government shall not be hereby affected.

Proviso.
Title not affected, if reconveyance refused.

Approved, February 20, 1925.

CHAP. 274.—An Act To amend section 5147 of the Revised Statutes.

February 20, 1925.

[S. 2209.]

[Public, No. 430.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 5147 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

National banks.
R. S., sec. 5147, p. 995, amended.

Oath required of directors.

"Sec. 5147. Each director, when appointed or elected, shall take an oath that he will, so far as the duty devolves on him, diligently and honestly administer the affairs of such association, and will not knowingly violate or willingly permit to be violated, any of the provisions of this title, and that he is the owner in good faith, and in his own right, of the number of shares of stock required by this title, subscribed by him, or standing in his name on the books of the association, and that the same is not hypothecated, or in any way pledged, as security for any loan or debt. The oath shall be taken before a notary public, properly authorized and commissioned by the State in which he resides, or before any other officer having an official seal and authorized by the State to administer oaths, except that the oath shall not be taken before any such notary public or other officer who is an officer of the director's bank. The oath, subscribed by the director making it, and certified by the notary public or other officer before whom it is taken, shall be immediately transmitted to the Comptroller of the Currency and shall be filed and preserved in his office for a period of ten years."

Administered by any notary, etc., except one connected with the bank.

Transmittal and filing.

Approved, February 20, 1925.

CHAP. 275.—An Act Authorizing the Postmaster General to permit the use of precanceled stamped envelopes.

February 20, 1925.

[H. R. 10471.]

[Public, No. 431.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster General is authorized, under such regulations as he may prescribe, to issue a permit to persons using Government stamped envelopes to deface the postage stamps thereon in connection with the placing on the envelopes of the name of the post office and State of mailing, together with such other indicia as may be prescribed.

Postal service.
Precanceling of stamped envelopes permitted.

Approved, February 20, 1925.

CHAP. 276.—An Act To authorize the payment of an indemnity to the Government of Norway on account of losses sustained by the owners of the Norwegian steamship Hassel as the result of a collision between that steamship and the American steamship Ausable.

February 21, 1925.

[S. 2718.]

[Public, No. 432.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be paid to the Government of Norway, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, as a matter of grace and without reference to the question of liability therefor,

Norway.
Payment to, as indemnity for losses to owners of steamship "Hassel" from collision.